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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**1.) Claim Amendments**

Claims 3 and 7-10 were previously canceled. Claims 16 and 19-24 have been canceled herein. Claims 6, 14, 15, 17, and 18 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 4-6, 11-15, 17, and 18 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2.) Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

In paragraphs 7-8 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4-6, 11-18, and 19-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cisco in view of Klemets. Claims 16 and 19-24 have been canceled.

Regarding the remaining claims, the Examiner contends that Cisco shows the invention, but does not clearly disclose that the first network is a mobile LAN with a mobile station connected. He contends this is shown by Klemets, which shows a mobile LAN and a router that is a mobile station. The Examiner argues that since address translation is performed at layer 3, and the physical topology of the mobile LAN is at layer 1-2, the combination of Cisco and Klemets should work to perform the claimed function.

The Applicant contends that a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been established with respect to the independent claims because Cisco and Klemets do not disclose or suggest all of the claim limitations recited in independent claims 1 and 6. In particular, neither Cisco nor Klemets teach or suggest a method of communicating packet data between a *plurality* of hosts on a mobile LAN and an external network. Claims 1 and 6 both recite that there are a number of hosts on the mobile LAN. Claim 6 and its dependent claims have been amended to recite this limitation in the claim elements, and not just in the preamble as was previously the case.

Cisco discloses a process of Network Address Translation (NAT), and Klemets discloses a Mobile Internet Router (MINT), which connects a *single* computer through a wireless connection to a network. There is no suggestion in Klemets that multiple hosts

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could be connected via the wireless connection. For example, on page 70, second column, third paragraph, Klemets states:

In order to provide user transparent mobility, we have adopted a different approach, we have placed all of the facilities needed for mobility into a Mobile INternet (MINT) Router. Utilizing this separate router, the user simply attaches their portable machine to this single device which provides all of the *hardware* and *software* needed to support "tetherless" mobility. (emphasis in original).

Note that Klemets says the user attaches a *single* machine to the MINT, not multiple machines. Additionally, every figure where the MINT is illustrated (Figs. 2 and 4) shows a single mobile host connected to the MINT. Thus, Klemets clearly supports only a single device.

The fact that multiple hosts are connected in the mobile LAN was previously recited in the claims, and claim 1 has not been amended. Thus the Applicant's amendments have not raised any new issues. Therefore, the withdrawal of the rejection, and the allowance of independent claims 1 and 6 are respectfully requested.

Claims 2, 4, 5, and 11-13 depend from claim 1 and recite further limitations in combination with the novel and unobvious elements of claim 1. Therefore, the allowance of claims 2, 4, 5, and 11-13 is respectfully requested.

Likewise, claims 14, 15, 17, and 18 depend from claim 6 and recite further limitations in combination with the novel and unobvious elements of claim 6. Therefore, the allowance of claims 14, 15, 17, and 18 is respectfully requested.

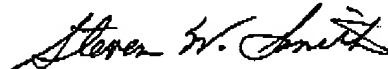
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicants believe all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for claims 1, 2, 4-6, 11-15, 17, and 18.

The Applicants request a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

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